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SUBJ: DISARMAMENT--NGO DISCUSSION OF PNE ISSUE

1. DIVONNE NGO CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION, WHICH CALLED FOR A MORATORIUM ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS AND STUDY OF PNES BY EXPERTS UNDER UNSYG AUSPICES, WAS DISCUSSED OCT. 23 AT DINNER MEETING SPONSORED BY CARNEGIE FOUNDATION AND UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION. AMONG THOSE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ATTENDING WERE MARTIN (US), BARTON (CANADA), ECKERBERG (SWEDEN), NISIBORI (JAPAN), NAIK (PAKISTAN), GARCIA ROBLES (MEXICO), AND MANGALMURTI (INDIA). DIVONNE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE EXPLAINED AND DEFENDED BY FISHER, SCOVILLE, AND LEONARD REPRESENTING UNA.

2. BARTON AND ECKERBERG SPOKE IN GUARDEDLY NEGATIVE TERMS ABOUT RECOMMENDATIONS. MARTIN STATED AS PERSONAL VIEW THAT MORATORIUM WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN IN EXISTING SITUATION AND THAT UNSYG REPORT WOULD NOT SEEM CONSTRUCTIVE. HE THOUGHT OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO SELECT APPROPRIATE FORUM ON FORUMS TO PERMIT BROADEST EXPLORATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF NON-PROLIFERATION AND PNE ISSUES. BARTON AND ECKERBERG SUPPORTED THIS APPROACH.

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3. GARCIA ROBLES REVIEWED IN DETAIL HISTORY OF NPT NEGOTIATIONS, STRESSING MEXICO'S TRADITIONAL ADVOCACY OF A STRICT INTERNATIONAL REGIME TO CONTROL PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, AND SAID US AND USSR HAD PROMISED TO NEGOTIATE SUCH A REGIME. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT WE MUST DEAL WITH SITUATION AS WE NOW FIND IT. ALTHOUGH HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE DIVONNE GROUP, HE HAD ATTENDED ONLY THE SESSION DEALING WITH NPT ART. VI AND THEREFORE WAS NOT BOUND BY PNE RECOMMENDATIONS. HE AGREED WITH MARTIN ON INUTILITY OF UNSYG STUDY AND RECOMMENDED INSTEAD THAT THE US AND USSR PROVIDE COMPLETE STUDIES OF PNES FOR THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. ON THE BASIS OF THESE STUDIES AND THE IAEA REPORT ON PNES, THE REVIEW CONFERENCE COULD THEN MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEXT UNGA. AT ANY EVENT, THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION OF PNE ISSUES SHOULD PROPERLY TAKE PLACE AT THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE.

4. NISIBORI WAS SILENT THROUGHOUT DISCUSSION AND DID NOT DEFEND JAPANESE DRAFT RESOLUTION EMBODYING DIVONNE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS.
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